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that would specify such an affiliation site added will be sent to a user. After that, a user identifier that has been input by a user is verified against the user registration information, and if the two match, the user is allowed to access the service provider site.

In view of all of the foregoing, independent claims 1, 6 and 11 are patentable over the cited reference under 35 USC 102 as well as 35 USC 103.

Claim 4 is dependent on claim 1, claim 7 is dependent on claim 6 and claims 12-14 are dependent on claim 11. Dependent claims 4, 7 and 12-14 are patentable over the cited references in view of their dependence on either claims 1, 6 or 11, and because the references of record do not disclose, teach or suggest each of the limitations set forth in dependent claims 4, 7 and 12-14.

Claims 8 and 10 are article of manufacture claims which respectively correspond to claims 1 and 6. Claims 8 and 10 are patentable over the cited reference for reasons, *inter alia*, set forth above in connection with claims 1 and 6 respectively.

In view of all of the foregoing, claims 1, 4, 6-8 and 10-14 are in form for immediate allowance, which action is earnestly solicited.

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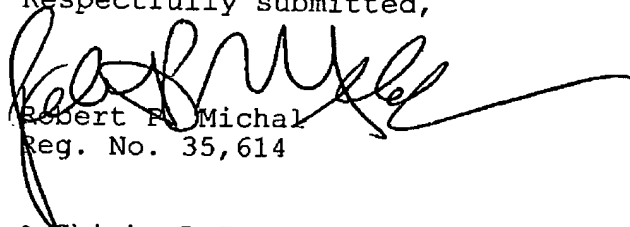
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Entry of this Amendment, allowance of the claims and the passing of this application to issue are respectfully solicited.

If the Examiner disagrees with any of the foregoing, the Examiner is respectfully requested to point out where there is support for a contrary view.

If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given below for prompt action.

Respectfully submitted,



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